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1. Efforts of the SED to create a group of qualified personnel capable of assuming responsible economic, political, and administrative positions in the area of the Federal Republic are expected to be essentially strengthened in the near future. This group, sometimes called a "reserve staff (cadre)", embraces about 25,000 persons as of now. Only about one third of them, however, have as yet been trained and prepared for their "future tasks". With a few exceptions, these people will not be occupied with important functions in East Germany. The SED Central Committee ordered Karl Schirdewan, a party secretary and Politbüro member, to prepare a report, before 1 December 1954, upon the status of this operation, and to draw up a plan of activity which would "guarantee a frictioniess functioning of the most important economic, administrative, police, and other departments" in the event of reunification.

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- 2. This staff of specially selected persons is divided into a pelitical group and an economic group. The political group is being trained in the Karl Marx Hochschule and in the Weimar Kaderschule. The economic group is to be trained in practical affairs in advanced economic schools (Wirtschaftshochschulen) in East Germany; this group will not be utilised for the present in any important positions within the economy of East Germany.
- 3. In the group under Karl Schirdsman no citizens of West Germany are included, despite the statements in various western publications. This is a separate group, trained in special East German schools (Sonderschulen) and designated by the cover name, "E-Reserve West Germany". It is composed of 8,500 men. For its training, Schirdsman has called in the following East German officials: Max Seydewitz (Volkskammer), Otto Buchwitz (Central Committee), Hermann Axen (Gentral

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